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**Florence Copper Project In-Situ  
Mineral Lease 11-026500  
Incompatible Land-Use**

Dear Ms. Baier,

I am a resident of Florence, AZ. I have lived in the Pulte Corporation district of Merrill Ranch for the last 3.5 years. As a professional exploration geologist currently working in the oil and gas industry I am writing this letter to convey my opposition to the proposed amendment. I am shocked that the Town of Florence would consider allowing a company to propose this in-situ copper extraction using leach mining technology. This methodology is archaic and in my profession considered to be a tremendous threat to any residential area. The Town of Florence is not giving any consideration to public safety by considering this proposal.

Although I am not familiar with the geology of the proposed copper project, the land in question is located only 1.5 miles from residential land and current residential water sources. There is extreme risk to the public if this project is approved. Who will be held responsible if there is an incident involving public safety?

I cannot understand how this project has progressed through normal public safety regulatory processes. Will the state of Arizona be able to ensure the safety of the public if this project proceeds?

I am strongly opposing the application by Curis Resources to perform copper mining using in-situ and leach methodology!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope that the Arizona State Land Department will deny this application made by Curis Resources.

Sincerely,

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